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Mrs. Mildred P. McKay  
State Librarian  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. McKay:

You have requested the opinion of this office in answer to the question whether library trustees, pursuant to the authority of RSA 202:10, may pay from appropriate funds the necessary expenses of their librarians in attending the state library institute which at the request of the State Library now includes a three weeks' summer session at the University of New Hampshire to train librarians of small public libraries.

In this connection you advise that the State Library continues to hold workshops and institutes, provides materials to, and assists in securing the staff for the University of New Hampshire course.

RSA 202:10 reads in part as follows:

" . . . The library trustees . . . are empowered to pay out of the library fund the necessary expenses of their librarians in attending the state library institute. . . ."

If the State Library Institute as now constituted includes the three-week course at the University of New Hampshire, authority exists in the current statute. Changing the course from one week and/or ten days to twenty-one days is not, in my opinion, such a change as to preclude application of the authority of

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RSA 202:10. However, this is a question of fact and much depends upon certain factors with which I am not familiar.

In short, if the three-week institute at the University of New Hampshire is now the state library institute, the authority exists; otherwise it does not.

Sincerely,

Louis C. Wyman  
Attorney General

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